

Slob Great House  
King's Quarters  
St. Croix Island  
Virgin Islands

HABS No. VI-56

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE / TERRITORY Virgin Islands	COUNTY St. Croix Island	TOWN OR VICINITY King's Quarters
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Slob Great House		HABS NO. VI-56
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) King's Quarters		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) No information	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) No information	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Slob great house is part of what was once a large estate complex that included a sugar mill and factory, slave quarters, stables and other surrounding service buildings. The great house is noted for the main entrance staircase with its ornate iron railing		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The foundation is of rubble masonry and projects slightly from the west wall of the house. The walls are stuccoed rubble limestone masonry. Ground floor masonry (cont'd pg 2)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in plan, 6 x 5 bays, and measures 54' by 48'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The two-story gallery extends the full length of the building along the west side from which a double staircase projects at the center. The corners of the building are quoined on the ground floor, but have pilasters on the 2nd floor. Stringcourses are (cont'd on pg 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Originally there may have been a central hall along the short axis of the house flanked by three rooms on each side, but the interior has since been altered considerably. A semicircular, wooden staircase on the 1st floor hallway rises to the 2nd floor. The (cont'd on page 2)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The house appears to have been constructed in two major phases. The two-bay deep northern half of the building (54' x 20') with the double staircase was presumably the earlier stage, to which the three-bay deep southern section was later added. The interior (cont'd on page 2)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE When last inspected by a H.A.B.S. representative in 1960, the house was reported to be unoccupied and generally in poor condition, except for the masonry walls.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The information for this report was provided by J. Michael Everett, National Park Service		
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### MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: (Cont'd)

piers support a wooden gallery on the 2nd floor. The low-pitched roof with hipped gables has wooden rafters and is covered with galvanized corrugated roofing, while the gable ends are clapboarded. The gallery roof also has wooden rafters and a sheet metal roofing.

### EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE: (Cont'd)

at the 2nd floor line and plate line. Pilasters flank the two entrance doorways on the the 2nd floor gallery with a semicircular arched niche standing between them. Main entrance doors on the 2nd floor are panel door; all others are a double-board shutter type. There are four doors on the 1st floor with one on both the N and S sides and two on the W side.

### INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE: (Cont'd)

walls are stuccoed throughout. The ceilings are wooden.